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CONXEMAR VIGO - ES

7-9/10/2014 Stand H17

www.conxemar.com

SIAL PARIS - F

19-23/10/2014 Hal 5A – Stand T111 www.sialparis.fr

ALLES FÜR DEN GAST SALZBURG - AT

8-12/11/2014 Hal 10 – Stand 1206 www.gastmesse.at

HORECA EXPO GHENT - BE

23-27/11/2014 Hal 8 – Stand 8319 www.horecaexpo.be

Ardo in action!

The Tour de France, Hockey World Cup and of course the Football World Cup in Brazil: this summer was packed with sports events that kept half the world glued to the TV. We've not been sitting still at Ardo either. We have introduced a 'Fit@Ardo' programme, where we organise various health and sport-related activities. You know the saying – 'healthy mind, healthy body'.



The frozen fruit and vegetable sector is more active than ever, Ardo doesn't want to be left behind. **So we are continuing to invest.** Our sites in Zundert (NL), Geer (B) and Ashford (UK) have **new storage and distribution centres and the packing lines** in Zundert (NL), Alpiarça (PT) and Saint Sever (F) **have been extended.**



Sustainability remains very important to Ardo. In Ardooie (B), rainwater is now converted into drinking water and green landscaping is being rolled out on all sites. **Environmentally-friendly Ardo Actual.** You might hardly notice the difference,

but it makes a big difference for the environment: Ardo Actual is printed entirely on recycled paper. Where possible, we are also doing the rest of our printing on environmentally-friendly FSC paper using water-based inks.



Want to find out more about what Ardo is doing in all these areas? We'll be happy to talk to you about this at one of the upcoming **autumn trade fairs**, where you can also try the **latest Ardo products**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our range in a nutshell

Classics

An extensive range of user-friendly blanched vegetables, both classics and new varieties.













A wide range of pre-cooked, blanched, pre-roasted or grilled products.



Tagliatelle









Prepared vegetables, with subtle herbs and/or a complementary sauce.



Insalata Mediterranea







Truits

A varied range of perfectly ripe, fresh-frozen fruit and fruit mixes that are immediately ready for use.



Fruit brunoise









Tasty fried vegetable snacks. A tasty and funny way to get children to eat vegetables.



Onion rings







A varied and high-quality range which draws on Ardo's many years of experience in organic market gardening.











Creamed spinach

Fines Herbes

A wide variety all year round herbs, easily portionable.



Tomatoes









Shallots

Chives

Basil

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September is traditionally the month during which an initial review of the previous harvest year is prepared.



Spinach

The winter and spring harvests went to our satisfaction. Demand for spinach and dishes made with spinach is on the rise. Production schedules have been optimised, which has led Belgium to exceed 100,000 tonnes of production for the first time in 2014. An excellent performance!



Carrots

The crop and production of baby carrots both took place under good conditions. Quality and volume are on schedule.



Garden peas

The initially good start to the pea harvest could not be sustained throughout the entire harvesting period. Due to erratic weather conditions, and particularly heavy rainfall, we were obliged to discard over-ripe fields in order to stabilise the excellent standard of quality. In the end, a maximum of 95% of the planned harvest volumes will be achieved. Things were somewhat tougher for the organic pea crops, which in some cases delivered up to 30% less yield. In contrast, consumption of organic vegetables in all market segments is on the rise,



Cauliflower

Production of planned volumes is on schedule. The quality is superb.



The harvest is still underway. There are no specific comments at this time.



Peppers

The harvest began around mid-July in Portugal and mid-August in Spain. There is a positive outlook in both cases in terms of quality and planned volumes.



Courgettes

The harvest was normal, as was the quality. The other autumn and winter vegetables (onions, cabbages, leeks, Brussels sprouts, celery, black salsify, etc.) are progressing well. There will be more about the final results in our December edition.

Fruit

The harvest results for most types of fruit were as planned, with a good quality and the anticipated volumes.

Fresh-frozen is becoming more global and discovering **new horizons.** Meanwhile, in Europe, the markets are stagnating due to the high availability of fresh vegetables and fruit. Outside of Europe, on the other hand, the fresh-frozen vegetables and fruit market is quickly on the rise thanks to their quality and convenience.

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Saving natural resources

Ardo continues to make every effort to manage the use of electricity, fuel and water in a sustainable and more efficient way. This is paying off, as year-on-year we are managing to save more natural resources. A policy that we naturally intend to continue!

Annual comparison

Evolution of figures 2013 versus 2012

Electricity Fuel - 1,0% Water - 4,5%



The birds and the bees ...

Bumble-bees and bees are an important link in the food chain, but are finding it harder and harder to survive. At Ardooie we are doing all we can to protect these useful creatures. Two hectares of unused factory grounds have been sown with different flower mixtures. We have even built a **bee hotel**. In this structure made of bamboo tubes and pieces of wood, bumble-bees and solitary bees can find a place to shelter for their hibernation.



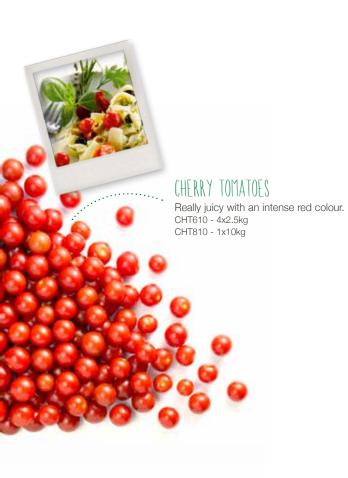


Ardo Geer wins Sustainable Partnership Award

Ardo Geer (B) now has a new trophy to add to its collection - the 'Belgian Sustainable Partnership Award'. This award is for innovative partnerships offering solutions for social issues. Ardo Geer took part in the 'Haut-Geer Nature Reserve' project, a win-win partnership with two other organisations:

NGO Natagora and Appligeer, an organisation of vegetable growers. Together they have managed to preserve a 26-hectare nature reserve a paradise for native birds and bird lovers. The project is also in the running for a European Sustainable Partnership Award.

Spotlight on the autumn trade fairs



OVENDRIED TOMATOES

A touch of Mediterranean flavour with the perfect texture. Easy to serve, not too oily. TOG310 - 10x1kg





VEGETABLE FRIES

UWP210 - 4x2kg UWP510 - 12x500g

will liven up lots of dishes.





These carrot and parsnip fries, pre-fried in sunflower oil, are deliciously crunchy. They make a tasty snack and







interactive content

CURLY KALE IQF "LOOSE LEAVES"

This delicious and highly nutritious autumn and winter vegetable is ideal for mash, salads or a stir-fry. KGI410 - 6x1.5kg





HALF AVOCADO

These perfectly ripened avocados are ideal for preparing guacamole or as an addition to many dishes and shapes. XAV310 - 10x1kg

ITALIAN HERB MIX

This spicy Mediterranean herb mix is ideal for adding an exciting touch of flavour to any dish. KIM210 - 5x1kg



BLACK OLIVES SLICES

These delicious olives make an ideal ingredient for a variety of Mediterranean dishes or pizzas.



SPINACH 'FOGLIA'







Discover our range of grilled vegetables



Ardo News

Lots of culinary tips on Ardo website

Looking for great preparation tips for Ardo products? Then head over to the 'Ardo TV' section on www.ardo.com. In several **short but inspiring films**,

our Belgian culinary adviser
Peter De Wandel offers
you many handy and
culinary tips for preparing
simple dishes using new
Ardo products, among others.
Make sure you visit
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Mochňa

Ardo is launching
a complete image
communication
campaign for retail
brand Mochov in the
Czech Republic.
A mixture of in-store
promotions, consumer
competitions, a microsite,
a PR campaign and
several adverts will give the

brand and its top products a big boost in the autumn. The campaign centres on Mochňa the iceman, who highlights all that's good about Mochov products.

New Ardo corporate film

To capture all that's good about Ardo on film, we have made a new commercial corporate movie. Wondering what it's like? See the result at **www.ardo.com**



Watch our corporate movie with



Culinary Ardo



Our culinary advisor in France, Etienne Gavet-Durr, created an original and tasty menu based on Ardo's products. Here you can already discover some suggestions for the most delicious recipes.

Detailed information and the preparation of these recipes is available under the Culinary Ardo section of our website www.ardo.com/en/recipes.

Ingredients 4 people

300g Ardo curly kale

200g cubes of Ardo butternut squash

60g Ardo cucumber

30g Ardo sliced red onion

2 tsp. soy sauce, 2 tsp. fresh ginger, 1 tbsp. fresh lemon juice,

2 tsp. sesame oil, 1 tsp. sugar, 1 tbsp. water

1/2 tsp. salt, 1/3 tsp. pepper





Ingredients for 4 people

2 half perfectly ripened Ardo avocados

A few Ardo oven-dried tomato segments

Sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds and pine nuts

6 large, cooked prawns

The zest and juice of a lemon

1 tbsp. avocado oil (or pistachio or olive oil)

Pepper, salt, espelette pepper

Ingredients 4 people

100g Ardo grilled peppers

20g Ardo chives

150g cream cheese

4 wraps (with a diameter of 25cm)

150g Mediterranean vegetable tapenade (see on www.ardo.com)

100a rucola

Black pepper





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Ardo, close to its customers worldwide

In order to stay close to our customers, we have a number of sales offices with dedicated sales staff. They are able to follow up on your interests in Retail, FoodService or Food Ingredients and react quickly to any questions.





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